AMENDMENTS

In the specification:

Please replace the priority claim paragraph at the beginning of page 1, immediately after the title, with the following amended priority claim:

This application is a divisional application of U.S. patent application Serial No. 09/600,950, filed September 8, 2000, now abandoned, which is a 35 USC §371 national stage application of International patent application No. PCT/JP98/03311, filed on July 23, 1998, which claims priority to Japanese application Hei 10-11864, filed on January 23, 1998.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 43 line 23, with the following amended paragraph:

Purified rhMBP were gel-filtrated with Superose^{tm} 6 HR10/30 medium (ø 10mmx 300mm length; Pharmacia) at flow rate of 0.5 m1/min using 20mM Tris-HC1 (pH 8.0), 0.15 NaCl, 5 mM EDTA. 40 µg of rhMBP was applied on this column and was measured at 280nm absorbance.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 44, line 8, with the following amended paragraph:

Microtiter Plates were treated with 100 µ1 of coating buffer (15mM sodium carbonate, 35mM sodium hydrogen carbonate, 0.05% sodium azide, pH 9.6) containing mannan (10 µg/ml:SIGMA) at 4 °C overnight. After each treatment step, the plates were washed three times with TBSNTC solution (TBS, 0.05% sodium azide, 0.05% Tween 20 (Registered Trade Mark), 5 mM calcium chloride). After completing the coating of the plates, the plates were treated and blocked with BlockAce^{tm} blocking solution (Dainippon Pharmaceutical) at room temperature for one hour.

Please replace the paragraph bridging pages 50 and 51 with the following amended paragraph:

SDS-PAGE employed polyacrylamide gel having the concentration gradient of 4~20%, and HIV-1 and HBS were electrophoresed under reducing condition. After the electrophoresis, they were transferred to Immobilon-P^{SQ} transfer membrane (Millipore) with Nova Blot^{tm} electrophoretic transfer unit (Pharmacia) by using semi-dry electroblot buffer kit (Owl Scientific). After such transfer, they were

blocked with BlockAce^{tm} blocking solution (Dainippon Pharmaceutical) at room temperature for one hour. Then they were washed three times for 10 minutes with TBSTC (0.05% Tween 20 (Registered Trade Mark), 5mM $CaCl_2$, TBS) or TBSTE (0.05% Tween 20 (registered Trade Mark), 5mM EDTA, TBS) (control which inhibits calcium ion (Ca^{2+}) dependent binding to carbohydrate recognition domain of rhMBP), and the solution diluted rhMBP to 1.0 μg/ml with TBSTC or TBSTE were reacted at room temperature for one hour.